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APPLICANT: Peter EBNER ET AL. - 7 (RCE)

SERIAL NO.: 10/806,773 EXAMINER: S. KASTLER

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TITLE: HOOD-TYPE ANNEALING FURNACE, ESPECIALLY FOR STEEL STRIP AND WIRE BUNCHES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION IN RCE

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated December 12, 2006, Applicant responds as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.